

State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
124 HALSEY STREET, 6TH FLOOR, NEWARK NJ

CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN

Governor

February 2, 1999

File #97-78 Valerie Bates

PETER VERNIERO Attorney General MARK S. HERR Director

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 45020 Newark NJ 07101 (973) 504-6500

Malachy Coyle, MVB Hillside Animal Hospital 1148 Liberty Avenue Hillside, NJ 07205

Dear Dr. Coyle:

This is to advise you that the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners has received and reviewed certain information regarding activity in which you were engaged as a Board licensee. The Board's initial review discloses what appears to be a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c)in that you engaged in gross negligence during your treatment of Ms. Bate's dog.

You are hereby offered the opportunity to settle this matter and avoid the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings by signing the enclosed certification and paying a civil penalty of \$2,500.00. Alternatively, you may wave your right to a hearing and submit a written statement or explanation to the Board. The Board will then consider this statement and render a final decision. You may also request a hearing in which case the matter will be scheduled, and this notice will serve as a complaint. At the hearing you may, either personally or with the assistance of an attorney, submit such testimony or other evidence as you may deem necessary in order for the Board finally to determine whether the unlawful acts set forth herein have been proven.

You should also be aware that upon final evaluation of the evidence submitted at the hearing, the Board may, if unlawful acts are found to exist, assess civil penalties in an amount greater than that herein offered in settlement. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts warrant, to enter an order requiring the restoration of any monies acquired by unlawful acts, the payment of costs and directing that you cease and desist from continued use of those acts found to be lawful.

The enclosed certification must be returned to the Board with your indicated course of action within ten (10) days following receipt hereof. In the event that the Board receives no response within ten (10) days, the Board, at its meeting of February 24, 1999, will consider you in default, the allegations contained herein shall be deemed admitted, and the Board will proceed to review finally this matter and enter appropriate final order.

Yours very truly,

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VINCENT BUONANNO
Assistant to the
Executive Director

Enclosure pc: Bates

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CERTIFICATION

I have received the Board's letter dated			
regarding the alleged violations of the Board's enabling act and/or Board regulations.			
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Please check one:			
The allegations set forth therein are acknowledged, and I enclose			
herewith a check in the amount of \$ payable to the			
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. Assurance is given that the			
conduct alleged in the notice will not continue or recur.			
I hereby waive any right which I may have to a hearing in this matter and submit a written statement for the Board's final consideration in this matter.			
A hearing on this matter before the Board is hereby requested. The Board may, however, refer this matter to the Office of Administrative			
Law for hearing.			
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